

Goal

Provide recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on HHS to can inform legislative decision making related to changes affecting policy, organizational structure and technical infrastructure related to Maine's health data resources

Tasks

- Identify and agree to benchmarks that will serve as standards for comparison
- Review current structures of and relationships among MHDO, DPC, and Onpoint and evaluate the timeliness and effectiveness of data received and output and compare against benchmarks.
- Review current use of data against expressed needs. Identify gaps in policy and structures. Compare with benchmarks. Review against known reports. Recommend steps to improve with timeline, order and prioritize, costs to achieve.
- Policy and legal review of release of PHI for non-treatment uses. Benchmark examples. Sample policy changes to achieve. Protection and security issues that need to be addressed. Costs of changes. Timeline to implementation.
- Advancing health information via data from the clinical repository of the designated statewide HIE. Benchmark example. Technical changes required, feasibility, costs, policies, risks, impact to existing organizations and structures, timeline and estimates of proportions of health data included
- Costs of maintaining and providing data. Who bears costs? Benchmark example.

